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Preliminary Amendment  
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### Remarks

This patent application is divisional patent application of and claims priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/747,202 filed on December 21, 2000 (and for which a Notice of Allowance has been issued). During the prosecution of such parent patent application, the examiner therein had identified two groups of claims.

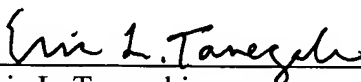
By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute those claims directed to the previously identified group II drawn to a method of fabricating a slider of reading data from a disk surface. On the basis of the foregoing, Applicant therefore submits that all of the pending claims, namely Claims 14-21 are in condition for allowance.

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